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SUBJ: EXPORT LICENSE FOR BURROUGHS COMPUTER

REF: A. STATE 184858 B. SAO PAULO 2007 C. 77 BRASILIA 6803
D. STATE 165331

1. THE PENDING BURROUGHS EXPORT LINCENSE APPLICATION IS FOR EQUIPMENT TO COMPLETE A GENERAL COMPUTER SYSTEM TO HANDLE ALL TYPES OF POLICE WORK FOR THE SAO PAULO STATE POLICE. THE FIRST PART OF THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE EMBASSY'S FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL C, WAS LICENSED BY USDOC AND INSTALLED IN SAO PAULO IN LATE 1977. OFFICIALS OF THE SAO PAULO STATE DATA PROCESSING COMPANY, PRODESP, EXPLAINED THAT THE ROCKWELL FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, WHICH WAS LINCENSED EARLIER THIS YEAR, IN NO WAY LESSENS THE NEED TO COMPLETE THE BURROUGHS SYSTEM. SOME CIVILIAN OFFICIALS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT BELIEVE THE BURROUGHS SYSTEM COULD HAVE MADE THE PURCHASE OF THE ROCKWELL SYSTEM UNNECESSARY IF THE POLICE HAD NOT INSISTED ON THE MORE SOPHISTICATED OPTICAL READING CAPABILITY OF THE LATTER. THEY NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SPECIALIZED SM ALL-

CAPACITY ROCKWELL SYSTEM COULD NOT PERFORM THE GENERAL
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FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH THE BURROUGHS SYSTEM IS REQUIRED. PRODESP WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO RECEIVE THE REMAINING BURROUGHS EQUIPMENT AT AN EARLY DATE.

2. IN REFTEL C THE EMBASSY REPORTED THAT IT "HAS NO OBJECTION TO SALE OF BURROUGHS B6700 COMPUTER, WHICH APPEARS DESTINED FOR NORMAL POLICE ACTIVITIES". THE EMBASSY SEES NO REASON NOT TO

APPROVE THE SALE OF THE REMAINING COVERED BY THE PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH BURROUGHS. IN FACT, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN REFUSAL OF A LICENSE IN THIS CASE AFTER APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE BURROUGHS EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS FOR THE ROCKWELL SYSTEM. SINCE THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION IN GENERAL PURPOSE CIVILIAN TYPE EQUIPMENT, NO COVERED BY THE US MUNITIONS LIST, APPROVAL WOULD NOT BE IN CONSISTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S RESERVATION, WHICH WE SHARE, ABOUT LICENSING SMALL ARMS, AMMO AND RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE (SEE REFTEL D). ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE BURROUGHS EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION.
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